

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

According to the final office action dated July 9, 2003, the Examiner stated that claims 15, 40 and 44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant has cancelled claim 15 and added independent claim 47, which rewrites claim 15 to include all of the limitations of its respective base claim and intervening claims. Applicant has cancelled claim 40 and added independent claim 48, which rewrites claim 40 to include all of the limitations of its respective base claim and intervening claims. Applicant has cancelled claim 44 and added independent claim 49, which rewrites claim 44 to include all of the limitations of its respective base claim and intervening claims.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the preceding arguments. The Applicant submits that Claims 47, 48, and 49 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of these claims.

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